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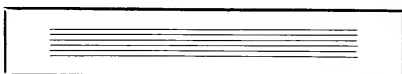
# Gladiolus Bulbs



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## FOREWORD

**T**HIS year for the first time in my hybridizing experience, I am able to offer to my friends two varieties of the Laciniated Type Gladiolus. For a number of years I have been working with the Laciniated family and my efforts have been crowned with considerable success. In offering to the public for sale two new Laciniated varieties, I do so without reservation, and with no fear of the reception with which they are met by the buyers.

It has been said that the extremely large flowered, exhibition type of gladiolus does not entirely meet with the needs for the average home decoration, due to its extremely geometrical, precise appearance in placement, which leaves it open to the accusation of stiffness, and also, because of its large size, it seems almost out of place at times in the average home. This accusation was largely overcome upon the introduction of the Primulinus Type with their wonderful array of pastel colors and their different arrangements, which were better adapted for small rooms and a varying type of surrounding furniture and other decorations. The advent of the Laciniated family will fill a required need in any home.

In my trial gardens, I am growing more than one hundred varieties of the Laciniated type, ranging in almost every imaginable color and in wonderful combinations as well as in sizes of from two to five inches for the florets, in the belief that the Laciniated family will be extremely well-known and very popular within a few years. In this belief, I am not alone, for other hybridizers throughout the world have a great many varieties of this family but none in stock of sufficient quantities to warrant their being put on the market.

As yet, the rare and exotic beauty, grace, and daintiness of the large-flowered Laciniated gladiolus is not well enough known among the home lovers and beautifiers to have its possibilities for decorative purposes appreciated as they will be in a very few years, when there will be more varieties of this family introduced. To substantiate this belief, I might say that I have knowledge of twenty-five or more of the most successful hybridizers in the world who are working with Laciniated varieties and many of them report some wonderfully beautiful creations. Time alone will prove the worthy ones which will be named and disseminated later on. It is therefore with a feeling of the fullest confidence in them, that I offer to you this year, my two Laciniated seedlings, which were announced last year as Number 27 and Number 72, and which have been named and are now on sale as "Dainty Queen," and "Captain Kidd".

Among the exhibition types found in my acres of trial gardens were three which had special merit

and beauty. These I marked some years ago as being worthy of growing to a stock and proving them. They have fulfilled all the rigorous and stringent tests and trials which are so necessary to the disseminating of a successful variety through the buyers. Among the numbers segregated were three of particularly outstanding merit. These I have named and registered as "Lone Eagle", "I. O. Wood", and "Doctor Sumner A. Edmands". With the two Laciniated varieties named in the paragraphs above, these constitute my introductions for this year, and while my stocks are rather limited, they have been fully proven as kinds which you will never regret having in your garden and home.

Yours truly,

JOHN H. McKIBBIN.

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## TREASURES!

THE days of fearful plunder, reckless daring, gallant fighting, and gathering of rare treasures are back again. Rare treasures have been discovered, new wonders, mysterious shining objects, new colors. Ah! yes, what colors! Colors that are so delicate, so rare, that even the eye might destroy them by looking too long. Then colors of such deep richness, velvety thickness, that all the beauty of ancient times seemed to be held for a second before our bewildered minds. Among the new treasures one can see, as he quickly glances over the wild assortment of colors and shapes, new objects with cunning and clever shapes and designs.

The brave handsome stranger who is gracefully standing with hands full of the priceless treasures is none other than Captain Kidd. He stands with head held high, a smile plays upon his red lips, suddenly laughs; musical sounds issued from his throat, and with hands flung out he cried, "A challenge to the world! Who has such treasures as these?" This handsome character is the one who has started again the treasure hunts. This year his booty has been, new colors, new designs, new shapes, new creations and all the beauty that can possibly be put in "Glads".

Now, this word "Glad" is not new but, you should just see the new and priceless Glad Treasures that Captain Kidd has unearthed.

Captain Kidd, himself, has all the charm of grace and beauty that he has discovered in his treasures. He is marvelously tall, gracefully slender, a handsome merry face wreathed in by a large deep red-rose hat which has all the priceless gems of ancient beauty exquisitely entwined. The design is cut in the most elegant laciniated pattern, even ruffled like old lace. He would be termed an "all in all" character.

He stands supreme over the McKIBBINS' Chest of treasures. He not only stands supreme in beauty but has the courage and strength to challenge the whole world to gather so much treasure which will be found in the McKIBBINS' chest of GLAD TREASURES.

DOROTHY McKIBBIN.



CAPTAIN KIDD

No. 27 Seedling is both ruffled and lacinated, has large wide open flowers nicely placed on long wiry stems. Beautiful clear deep red color. You will note that this is altogether a new and distinct type of gladiolus. They are as life-like as butterflies, as graceful as orchids.

## Description and Prices

**ALICE TIPLADY**—A grand, large primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice.

Each, 10c; Doz., 75c; 3 Doz., \$2.00.

**ARIZONA ROSE**—A very large flower of finest rose-pink color. Almost a solid color. Very choice.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.25.

**ALTAIR**—Extra tall primulinus of finest salmon saffron. A grand color.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.25.

**ANNA EBERIOUS**—Velvety violet purple, throat deeper color. This variety has created a sensation with growers and amateurs alike.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**AL SHIRA**—Large, deep wine red lower petals and throat almost black. Pansy-like shape. Very attractive.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**ARDEN**—Tall, large flowered, gracefully placed, many open, deep watermelon-red.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**A. B. KUNDERD**—Tall, large, deeply ruffled flower of delicate cream color. Flushed with finest bluish pink. Lower petals primrose cream with pink edges. Grand.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**BUMBLE BEE**—Large, broadly expanded flower of purest salmon rose pink. Grand penciled blue, magnificent throat of deeper color.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**BUTTERFLY**—(Primulinus.) A delicate salmon-pink, nicely ruffled, very strong and vigorous. The blooms resemble a giant butterfly.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.25.

**BRIGHT RED**—A beautiful bright red, a solid color, large bloom and many open at a time. Very showy.

Each, .06c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**BYRON L. SMITH**—One of the very best. Most refined lavender pink on white ground. Exceedingly fine as a cut flower. Color equal to a very choice atteya orchid.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.30; 3 Doz., \$3.50.

**BARON J. HULOT**—Tall plant, medium size flowers, dark, velvety purple.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**BLUE JAY**—Light blue white throat edged with cream, very attractive.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**BROADCASTER**—A 1924 introduction. A very strong, vigorous plant, almost a solid white, with slight magenta markings in throat, large, wide open blooms, nicely ruffled, many open at a time. A bouquet of itself. Due to the fact that we sold our stock very close last season we have withdrawn it until we increase our stock.

Not For Sale This Year.

All orders shipped prepaid.





DR. SUMNER A. EDMANDS

A well ruffled deep blush-pink shading to golden-salmon-rose on edges of petals. Lower petals slightly darker pink and marked with a carmine stripe. Edges softly flaked carmine. Is of unusually heavy texture and an excellent all around gladiolus.

**CRYSTAL WHITE**—Tall spike, large bloom, many open at a time and is all its name implies. Very beautiful. Each, .06c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**CARDINAL KING**—Large self color cardinal red. Very choice. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**CRIMSON GLOW**—Immense open flowers of intense rich crimson. Tall, vigorous and perfectly formed. The very finest of its color.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**CARMEN**—Tall, showy, brilliant cardinal red with prominent white blotch on lower petals. Very lily-like. Each, .06c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**CHERRY KING**—Bright, rich, cherry color. Very lily-like flower and beautiful.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**CHICAGO WHITE**—A very early, choice florist's variety. Each, 5c; Doz., 50c; 3 Doz., \$1.25.

**CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS**—Another new red, a distinct and beautiful variety. Introduced in 1925 by Mr. A. E. Kunderd. Tall, vigorous plant, large, wide open bloom, many open at a time.

Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50; 3 Doz., \$10.00.

**DR. VAN FLEET**—Extra tall and splendid plant, flowers of remarkable form and large size. A magnificent shade of delicate rose-pink, deeper at edges of all petals. Throat of softest canary yellow or cream tint beautifully blended. A very choice variety. Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**DEFIANCE**—Very large plant. Tall spike, many open. Delicate bluish-white, fine throat. A very choice variety.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**DOROTHY McKIBBIN**—The new ruffled pink. A pure apple blossom tint, extraordinarily early, elegantly ruffled, with many open at a time. Cannot be excelled as a cut flower variety.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**DR. ELKINS**—A Pendleton sport. Large white flowers with distinctive purple blotches on lower petals, very beautiful.

Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50; 3 Doz., \$10.00.

**DR. F. E. BENNETT**—Deep peach red overlaid with flame scarlet. Most fiery red imaginable. Flowers of the very largest size with many opening at once.

Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00; 3 Doz., \$14.00.

**EVELYN KIRTLAND**—Rose pink, deeper at edges fading to shell pink at center, with brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. Very tall spikes. One of the best for cut flowers.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.25.

**E. J. SHAYLOR**—A beautiful, pure, deep rose pink, tall, strong plant, large blooms, nicely ruffled, with many open at a time.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.25.

All orders shipped prepaid.



DAINTY-QUEEN

No. 72 Seedling: Queen of the dainties. The beautiful dainty shell-pink color, the tall graceful spike, the beautiful lacinated blooms, measuring from four to six inches, gracefully placed combine to make it one of the most beautiful gladioli among the new creations.

**ELIZABETH TABOR**—Extra tall spikes. Large flowers of delicate rose-pink, lower petals have a brilliant crimson blotch which is tipped with soft yellow. Exceedingly early.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**ELORA**—(Originated by Luther Burbank.) Color creamy white with rich cream spot in throat. On lower petals these spots are overlaid with dainty featherings of American Beauty pink. Blooms measure 4½ to 5 inches in diameter. Very early and prolific. A remarkable variety.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**FAVORITE**—Beautiful orange salmon, deeper in throat, tall, strong, vigorous plant with many finely ruffled flowers open at a time. Very fine.

Each, 30c; Doz., \$3.00; 3 Doz., \$8.50.

**GOLD DROP**—(Primulinus.) An extra large pure yellow with beautiful red line on petals. Beautifully ruffled. Spikes from 4 to 5 feet tall.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**GOV. HANLY**—A first-class cut flower and bedding variety. Early, showy, tall, rich, cardinal red. with deeper throat color.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**GOLDEN MEASURE**—Conceded by many to be the finest golden yellow gladiolus. Extra tall spikes. Large, wide open golden yellow blooms, deeper throat. No markings. Extra fine.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**GOSHEN**—A medium deep silvery rose-pink color. Large, showy rose-red blotches, many large blooms open at a time. Very choice.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**HERADA**—Large flower of a deep, soft lilac color, tall spike. A very good cut flower variety.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**HELGA**—Fine salmon rose, deeper rose and cream on white ground. Unusually graceful spike. tall and handsome plant.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**HIGHLAND LADDIE (1925)**—Large, massive and beautiful pink of a decided and pleasing shade. A very choice kind and a rapid multiplier.

Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50; 3 Doz., \$10.00.

**HENRY FORD**—Very dark rhodamine purple shading into deeper tones near the center. Color very clear like Anna Eberious but much larger and clearer. Multiplies very rapidly.

Each, 35c; Doz., 3.50; 3 Doz., \$10.00.

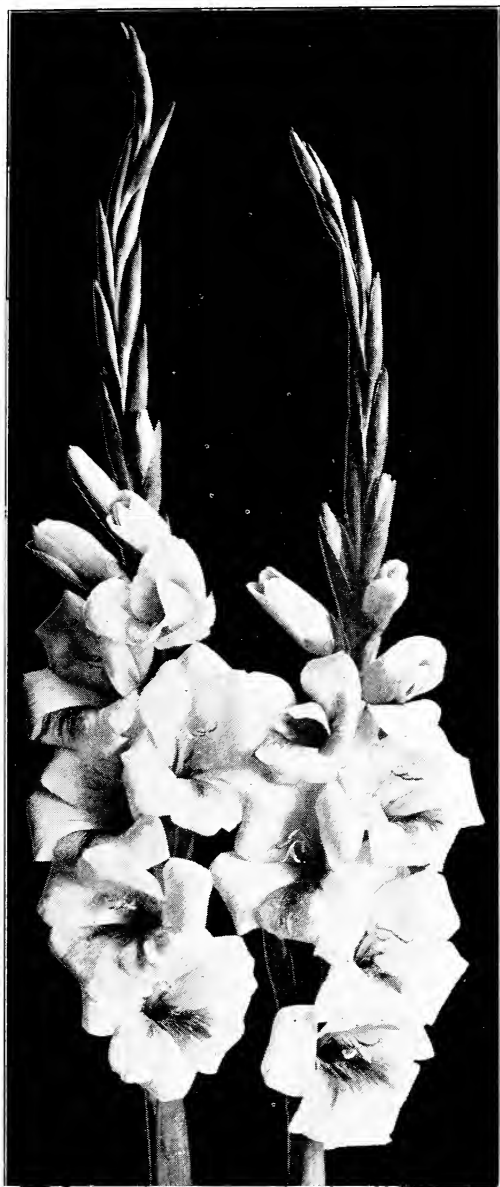
**ILLUMINATOR**—A flaming torch. Many large, wide open flowers of brilliant carmine red are borne on tall, stately spikes. A wonderful cut-flower, as well as gorgeously decorative in the garden.

Each, 40c; Doz., \$4.00; 3 Doz., \$11.00.

**JOE COLEMAN**—Very large and vigorous. Rich, red, ruffled, very choice.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

All orders shipped prepaid.



LOCARNO

A 1926 introduction. One of the very best. Most refined lavender with deeper throat markings on lower petals. The most pleasing and peaceful colors imaginable. Tall spike, large wide open flowers, many open at a time. A wonderful cut-flower and florist variety. This peaceful gladiolus was named after the modest little Swiss town that was made famous by the signing of the great peace pact.

**KUNDERDI GLORY**—Large, ruffled, beautiful creamy apricot with light tint of pink and fine markings of red on lower petals.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**LILY WHITE**—A pure all white forcing variety. Very early. As pure as a lily. Grand.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.15.

**LARGE BUFF**—A fine shade of soft buff, medium size bloom with rose penciling in throat. A rare color.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**LOUISE**—A real beauty. Fine bright bluish lavender with a wine colored blotch on lower petals. A sturdy grower with magnificent wide open flowers.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**LE MARSHALL FOCH**—Beautiful soft lavender pink. Blooms five to six inches in diameter.

Each, 10c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**MRS. LEON DOUGLAS**—Ground color begonia rose striped with flame and brilliant scarlet. Lip pale lemon slightly specked with ruby. Extra large wide open flowers, well set on long spikes, many open at a time. An extra choice florist variety.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**MARSHAL FOCH**—(Kunderds.) An exhibition and florist variety. Many giant flowers open at a time on very strong stem and spike. Color of finest salmon-pink, almost self-color. Winner of many awards.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**NIGHTINGALE**—Tall, graceful plant with softest rose-pink blooms. Delicate creamy white, blended with pink in the throat.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**MACK'S CARDINAL**—A magnificent, self-colored cardinal. Tall plant, straight, wiry spikes. Flowers large and of splendid form and placement, five to seven open at a time. An A-1 cardinal. Destined to become very popular as a cut flower and garden variety.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**MYSTIC**—Tall, slender, graceful plant and spike. Dainty rose-pink color, open petals flaked deeper, lower petals and throat light shell-pink, many open at a time.

Each 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**MISS SPOKANE**—Extra large plant, tall spike with many large beautiful salmon pink blooms open at once.

Each 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

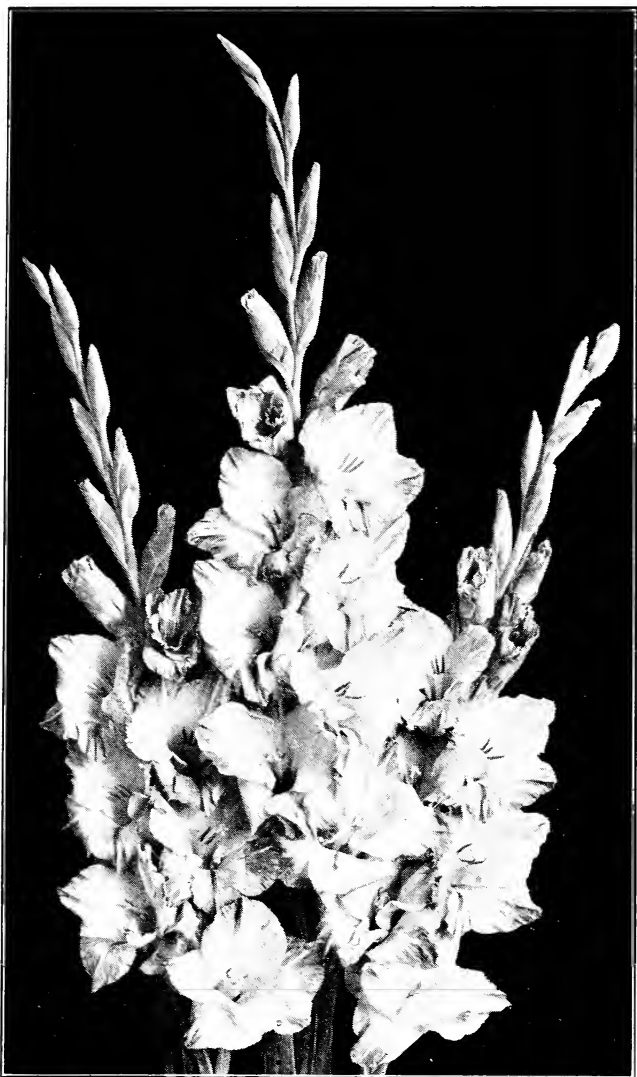
**MOTTLED BEAUTY**—Extra large, well ruffled bloom, and vigorous plant. The flower has a most strikingly mottled and flaked ground color, with large and beautiful penciled blotches in throat. Reminds one of a Speciosum Lily.

Each 35c; Doz., \$3.50; 3 Doz., \$10.00.

**MRS. FRANK PENDLETON**—Bright rose-pink on white background. A giant blotch of richest carmine red on lower petals. No grander variety in existence.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.15.

All orders shipped prepaid.



## DOROTHY McKIBBIN

Dorothy McKibbin has been tested by florists and pronounced first class for forcing purposes, has long, straight, wiry stems, the flowers growing well out of the foliage; extremely early, elegantly ruffled and of a most beautiful shade of pink; has a pure apple blossom tinted throat, blending to bright pink around the outer edges of the petals. It has a wide open flower with many open at a time.

**MAGIC**—Tall, large, rich purple throat blotches. Finest lavender blue. Very fine.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**MIDSUMMER DREAM**—A large, beautiful geranium-red. Showy, fine.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**MARY FENNELL**—A large, wide open bloom of deep lilac shading, paler to a soft yellow throat. Very beautiful.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**MRS. GEORGE MOULTON**—A grand cerise, deeper throat, almost a solid color, large plant, tall, straight spike and many open at a time.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.30; 3 Doz., \$3.50.

**MRS. DR. NORTON**—Tall, stately plant. Blooms of the finest cream and pink. Lower petals soft sulphur-yellow flushed with pink. Very beautiful.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**MARY PICKFORD**—An extraordinary flower of most delicate cream-white. Finest soft sulphur-yellow throat. Good-sized blooms. Many open at a time. A grand white.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**MISS HELEN FRANKLIN**—White with violet stripes on lower petals, large flowers nicely ruffled, many open at a time.

Each, 5c; Doz., 50c; 3 Doz., \$1.25.

**NEGERFURST**—Tall, dark red, large, wide open blooms, many open at one time. A very good cut flower variety.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**ORANGE GLORY**—Large ruffled, grand orange colored, with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**PURPLE GLORY**—A giant gladiolus of remarkable color, deepest velvety maroon red, faint shading of purple with almost black throat. Beautifully ruffled, with many open at a time. A giant in size. Truly wonderful.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**PRESIDENT MENOCAL**—Very tall, large yellow flower, dainty pink ruffled border with fine red throat blotch.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**PRIDE OF GOSHEN**—A giant ruffled of a salmon or flesh pink. Flowers very large and petals elegantly waved. A tall and vigorous plant.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**PANAMA**—An "America" seedling. Taller plant, larger bloom and brighter pink. Very beautiful.

Each, 10c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**PRIDE OF LANCASTER**—A brilliant orange salmon. Rich, deeper orange throat. Tall spike. Good size bloom, many open at a time. A beautiful ruffled variety.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

All orders shipped prepaid.





## JOE COLEMAN

Joe Coleman with its tall spike and from 4 to 9 large rich red ruffled blooms open at a time, is radiantly beautiful.

**LONE EAGLE**

A living, glowing orange-vermilion with soft carmine stripes on lower petals. Upper petals shaded to a delicate pink in the throat. Well ruffled and overlaid with a satiny silver sheen. An outstanding variety in every way.



I. O. WOOD

A beautiful plain petaled variety of Tyrian rose color, blended to a satiny pink in the throat of the upper petals. Throat of lower petals of slightly deeper rose, with soft red stripes. Tips of petals flaked with soft red and the entire bloom overlaid with a violet sheen. The large blooms are wide open with a trace of recurve. Plants large, and of unusual stamina, and a strong grower.

**PINK WONDER**—Gaint pale pink. Blooms 6 ½ inches in diameter. Tall, graceful spike. Extra fine.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**PRIMUNELLA**—A grand ruffled butterfly, orchid-like flower, orange saffron color.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**PEACH ROSE**—An extra choice and distinct deep pink of remarkable color and appearance. Was awarded First Class Certificate of Merit by Mass. Horticultural Society, summer 1919. Winner of many awards. A very beautiful variety.

Each, 30c; Doz., \$3.00; 3 Doz., \$8.50.

**ROMANCE**—Large orange, salmon, rose, red, and yellow throat. Wine-blue bordered patals. Unusually distinct and showy. Strong grower, tall spike, and many flowers open at a time.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE**—A 1925 introduction. Large royal purple red, from five to eight large blooms open at a time. Medium height plant. Good straight spikes. A rapid propagator. Showy and conspicuous.

Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**ROSE ASH**—Corinthian red shading into ashes of roses on the outer edges. Lower petals light yellow speckled with ruby. Many large flowers open at a time.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**RED COPPER**—Large flowers, deep copper heavily flaked blue lower petals, copper red, white and yellowed lined and flushed with blue. A very choice novelty.

Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 3 Doz., \$2.75.

**ROSE GLORY**—A very large and beautiful ruffled variety. Purest rose-pink color, deeper throat, extra fine.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**RACINE**—Very dark red, flaked deeper, almost black, white in throat.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**1910 ROSE**—Extra large flower, pure rose-pink of a very fine shade. Lower petals marked with narrow white line through center. Very fine.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.15.

**ROANOKE**—A vigorous and large, rich, yellow primulinus. Many open at a time. Very fine.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.15.

**RUTH HUNTINGTON**—Beautiful violet lilac with deeper lilac markings on lower petals. Beautifully ruffled, large strong plant with tall, fine spikes.

Each 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**SOVEREIGN**—Deep violet blue. Medium size flowers. Five and six open at a time. Tall, graceful spike. Very rare.

Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00; 3 Doz., \$14.00.

**SUMMER BEAUTY**—No finer shade of pink. Tall and showy. Grand.

Each, 10c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**SENTINEL**—Very tall, strong plant. Large, pure rose-pink, with elegantly white penciled, iris-like throat. Very showy.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 3 Doz., \$2.15.

All orders shipped prepaid.



## MAGIC

Magic, the finest lavender blue, with large rich purple throat blotches. Tall, slender spikes with many open at a time.

**TYRIAN BEAUTY**—(Magenta.) A beautiful, large flower near "American Beauty" rose color. Grand. Awarded first prize for best plain petaled variety at the Mid-western Gladiolus Show, Des Moines, Sept., 1925. Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00; 3 Doz., \$5.50.

**UHLAN CHIEF**—Tall, graceful, slender spike. Flower of most intense brilliant vermillion-scarlet. Lower petals deeper color and beautifully dark feathered, a magnificent red.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**VINTON**—Deep salmon pink. Deeper red blotches, bordered with finest yellow. A beautiful variety.

Each, 10c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**VIOLET GLORY**—Massive flower, rich self color, deep violet, deeper throat, medium ruffled. Extra.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

**W. H. PHIPPS**—La France pink, overlaid with light rose salmon, lighter toward the center. Lower petals very faintly striped and speckled with ruby. Flowers enormous, many open at a time. A masterpiece in Gladioli.

Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00; 3 Doz., \$29.00.

**WHITE KING**—Tall, very rich sulphur-white, splendidly ruffled and nicely marked on lower petals.

Each, 10c; Doz., 60c; 3 Doz., \$1.50.

**WHITE GLORY**—A gorgeous pure white of extra size. Nicely ruffled with beautiful iris blue throat. Grand.

Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50; 3 Doz., \$7.00.

**WHITE WONDER**—A gigantic white bloom with delicate veinings of pink. A great show variety.

Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50; 3 Doz., \$4.00.

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## Gladioli in Mixture

**T**O have the greatest variety and beauty in a Gladiolus Garden, it is very necessary to grow them in mixture as well as in separated varieties.

Our IDEAL mixture is made up principally of named varieties with a few choice un-named kinds put in to give it a greater range and variety of color.

It is a well balanced mixture for we add other and newer varieties to it each year and "rouge out" such varieties that increase more rapidly than others so that it will keep its balance both in colors and varieties.

To have the best color display in your garden, and also to secure the best values in your purchases, you really ought to buy a considerable number of bulbs, in lots of from fifty to one hundred at least.

The price has been greatly reduced for this year and no better mixture can be had anywhere for the money than you will find in our "IDEAL".

**IDEAL MIXTURE**—Per Doz., 60c; Per 3 Doz., \$1.50; Per 100, \$3.50. Not less than 50 at the 100 rate.

All orders shipped prepaid.



## ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE

1925 introduction. Large, royal purple red, from five to eight large blossoms open at a time. Medium height plant. Good straight spikes. A rapid propagator. Showy and conspicuous.

## McKibbin's New Originations

**F**IVE very choice varieties for 1928. Two the laciniated varieties, two the ruffled, and one the plain petal variety.

In my catalog last year I announced two unnamed seedlings of the laciniated type under the numbers 27 and 72 but did not then list them for sale.

Since this announcement was made I have had many inquiries for prices on them and as to when they would be put on sale. These inquiries came from growers and hybridizers and also many amateurs who appreciate the beauty, grace and daintiness of the Laciniated family.

Owing to my limited stocks, I was doubtful of placing them on the market even this season, but the plentiful reproduction of the bulbs and planting stock caused me to decide to name and sell some of them this year.

Seedling number 72 has been named Dainty Queen. Seedling number 27 has been named Captain Kidd.

These two, together with three others which have been named I. O. Wood, Lone Eagle, and Dr. Sumner A. Edmands comprise the new ones I am offering for sale for the first time this year.

**CAPTAIN KIDD**—Captain Kidd has in its long wiry stems all the grace of carriage suitable to a King. It is a King in its very own class. It is both ruffled and laciniated, has large wide-open flowers, nicely placed on strong yet graceful stems. The beautiful red color reminds one of its namesake, so fearless, daring and bold. It is one of the most out-standing flowers that I have ever seen. It is not only extraordinary beautiful but a very good seed producer and a rapid propagator. You will note that this flower is altogether a new and distinct type of gladioli. It was introduced last year as No. 27 Seedling but was not for sale. Illustrated on page 4. **Each, \$100.00.**

**DAINTY QUEEN**—Queen of the dainties. The beautiful dainty shell-pink color, the tall graceful spike, the beautiful laciniated blooms, measuring from four to five inches, gracefully combine to make it one of the most beautiful gladioli among the new creations. (Introduced last year as No. 72 Seedling but not offered for sale.) Illustrated on page 8. **Each, \$5.00; Doz., \$50.00**

**DR. SUMNER A. EDMANDS**—A well ruffled deep blush-pink shading to golden-salmon-rose on edges of petals. Lower petals slightly darker pink and marked with a carmine stripe. Edges softly flaked carmine. Is of unusually heavy texture and an excellent all-round gladiolus. Illustrated on page 6. **Each, \$5.00; Doz., \$50.00.**

**I. O. WOOD**—A beautiful plain petaled variety of Tyrian rose color, blended to a satiny pink in the throat of the upper petals. Throat of lower petals of slightly deeper rose, with soft red stripes. Tips of petals flaked with soft red and the entire bloom overlaid with a violet sheen. The large blooms are wide-open with a trace of recurve. Plant large,



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and of unusual stamina, and a strong grower under all conditions. Illustrated on page 16.

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**LONE EAGLE**—A living, glowing orange-vermilion with soft carmine stripes on lower petals. Upper petals shaded to a delicate pink in the throat. Well ruffled and overlaid with a satiny silver sheen. An outstanding variety in every way and under any conditions. Stock very limited. Illustrated on page 15. Each, \$25.00.

**LOCARNO**—A 1926 introduction. One of the very best. Most refined lavender with deeper throat markings on lower petals. The most pleasing and peaceful color imaginable. Tall spike, large, wide open flowers, many open at a time. A wonderful cut-flower and florist variety. This peaceful glad was named after the modest little Swiss town that was made famous by the signing of the great peace pact. Illustrated on page 10. Each, \$2.50; Doz., \$25.00.

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### McKibbin's "Supreme" Mixture

**H**ERE is a mixture composed of my own unnamed originations only. There is not a named variety in the entire lot. Just those worthy ones that are in a class with the new and improved named varieties, that are selling at many times the price asked for this mixture. This mixture has been made up of about three hundred varieties which have been growing in separated lots in my test gardens for several years and are full worthy of a place in any flower garden. They were grown as a mixture last year, and this year they proved to be a real sensation to every visitor. Both amateur and professional growers were struck with the wonderful array of the changing colors, the strong, thrifty plants, and the superb flower spikes.

It is indeed a "SUPREME" mixture!

We are going to keep up the high standard of quality in this mixture by adding to it each year such seedlings from our test gardens as are worthy of having a place with the other better kinds.

**SUPREME MIXTURE**—Per Doz., \$2.00; Per 3 Doz., \$5.50; Per 100, \$15.00. Not less than 50 at the 100 rate.

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### Kunderd's Rare and Recent Introductions

**I**T has been my custom for the past fifteen years to supply my friends and customers with the Kunderd variety of gladioli. Each year I add a number of new and worthwhile varieties to my list.

As I am a neighbor of Mr. Kunderd I have the opportunity to visit his fields quite frequently. Owing to this fact I am able to watch and study the new varieties from the time they are placed in

his test gardens, until they are named and offered for sale. As a result I am able to make selections from the different varieties as soon as they are introduced. I can readily recommend them as A1 varieties to my friends and customers as I have seen them grow for several years and am in a position to know their real value.

This year I have added the following list of which I can recommend as all A1 varieties of their classes.

**A. E. KUNDERD**—It is a very strongly ruffled variety, tall and stately. A rapid multiplier. In color the richest salmon-rose, lighter toward the center of throat with very beautiful markings on three lower petals. Each, \$5.00.

**DR. NELSON SHOOK**—A giant plant flower. Color of deep tyrian rose, nicely ruffled, many florets open at a time, and a prize winner anywhere. Each, \$1.25; Doz., \$12.50.

**GOLDEN FRILLS**—(Primulinus hybrid). A large and open flower. Deep rich daffodil-yellow with slight pink lines on lower petals. Intensely ruffled and is very choice. One of the finest varieties for basket work I have ever seen. (Stock limited). Each, \$5.00; Doz., \$50.00.

**MARY JANE**—A wonderful plain petaled variety. A beautiful silvery pink with a light lavender sheen. Delicate, clear throat and many large, perfectly placed flowers open at a time. This variety won first prize for best new seedling at the A. G. S. Show, Kalamazoo in 1922. Each, \$8.00; Doz., \$80.00.

**PATRICIA CARTER**—(Primulinus Grandiflora). Tall fine plant, rugged in its growth and very beautiful. Tall spike with five and six perfectly spaced flowers open at a time. Flowers are of most beautiful tone of softest light shrimp-pink color. No markings. The most beautiful Primulinus ever introduced. A prize winner everywhere! Each, \$4.00; Doz., \$40.00.

**PURPLE QUEEN**—A deep violet-purple beauty. Throat darker, medium ruffled, many open at a time. Extra fine for decorative work. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**SULPHUR FRILLS**—Tall, many medium sized flowers open at a time. Beautifully ruffled; of finest pure, soft sulphur shade. Very beautiful! Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

**SWEET ROSE**—Very massive flowers on tall strong plant, of purest deep-rose pink with extra large beautiful red throat. A wonderful rose-pink! Has been awarded many prizes for best rose-pink. Each, \$1.50; Doz., \$15.00.

**LACINATUS**—Flowers with beautiful rose-pink color. Long slender petals exquisitely lacinated. Spike is slender, graceful and of good height. Very artistic and especially adapted for fine floral work in dainty decorations. Each, \$5.00.

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## Special Collections

### No. 1.

#### Choice Ruffled Collection.

3 Dorothy McKibbin .....	\$ .30
3 Kunderdii Glory .....	.30
3 Rose Glory .....	.45
3 Joe Coleman .....	.30
3 Pride of Lancaster .....	.45
3 Miss Helen Franklin .....	.15
3 E. J. Shaylor .....	.30
3 President Menocal .....	.60
3 Violet Glory .....	.45
3 Gold Drop .....	.45

Total value .....\$ 3.75

Prepaid for \$3.35.

### No. 2.

#### Choice Plain Petal Collection.

3 Elora .....	\$ .30
3 Bumble Bee .....	.60
3 Anna Eberious .....	.30
3 Cardinal King .....	.45
3 Defiance .....	.60
3 Helga .....	.60
3 Mrs. Geo. Moulton .....	.45
3 Uhlan Chief .....	.45
3 Tyrian Beauty .....	.60
3 Red Copper .....	.30

Total .....\$4.65

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The two collections prepaid for \$7.25. Each kind correctly labeled.

In case either of these collections become broken, we reserve the right to substitute something as good or better in place of the variety that is sold out.

## Our "Wholesale Prices"

**G**ROWERS and dealers in bulbs always find it a hard matter to exactly discriminate between those who are rightly entitled to wholesale or retail prices, and many times business is lost to the dealer through his inability to make proper discrimination in the two classes.

Because of the number of our friends who buy for growing and resale purposes, and who are not devoting all their time and efforts to this, and who, therefore, are not listed or rated with the usual Commercial Rating Agencies, we think it fair to all to not discriminate, but to sell at wholesale prices to those who buy in **wholesale quantities**.

All dealers have their own method of listing the buyers as either wholesale or retail. The average method of listing is an arduous and costly, as well as a delicate matter, and to be fair to all we use the quantity purchase" method as our guide. We cannot deviate from the prices and quantities as listed in our wholesale list for they are made possible by quantity purchases only.



#### MACK'S CARDINAL

A 1924 introduction. A magnificent, self-colored cardinal. Tall plant, straight, wiry spikes. Flowers large and of splendid form and placement, five to seven open at a time. An A-1 cardinal. Destined to become very popular as a cut flower and garden variety.

## AN INVITATION

“IT seems to me that when God conceived the world, that was poetry; He formed it, and that was sculpture; He varied and colored it, and that was painting; and then, crowning all, He filled it with flowers—and that was the grand, eternal drama.”

Some way, as we read this little verse, we like to think that the poet had in mind a bewildering array of gladioli in some one's garden as he penned it, for poetry and flowers are so closely interwoven with each other that they can never be separated to any extent.

Some of the greatest writers and philosophers since the time of man have used flowers as a means whereby to express their otherwise unutterable thoughts when spoken or written words have reached their limitation.

We have a deep feeling that every one of us should gladly share the beauty of our blooming gardens with those who love flowers.

The entertaining of visitors in our gardens is not all a matter of pure business with us, for we are always glad to enjoy the blooms with anyone.

When you see the blooms, you can then judge for yourself as to whether there is a place in your garden for them, and perhaps more than anything else, you need not then depend on ready made opinions for your judgment of their beauty and value, for you can then form your own opinions.

Words are the only means we have of communicating with each other, and even at their best, when describing flowers, they are awkward and crude, easily capable of misinterpretation and misunderstanding.

On the other hand, when you see an array of flowers, acre after acre, then indeed are words useless, and more than that, they are needless.

During the blooming season, our gardens are open to flower lovers from sunrise to sunset every day in the week and we will gladly furnish a well informed attendant to take you through.

Last year we had many hundreds of visitors who accepted our invitation to enjoy the blooms with us in our gardens and every one marveled at the beautiful new things being developed there and at the wonderful blooms of the better known kinds.

Our gardens are located just one block off of the Lincoln Highway at the west city limits of Goshen, Ind.

We urge you to come and visit us and our gardens for we know that you will be well repaid for the time so spent.

Cordially yours,

JOHN H. McKIBBIN,



### SENTINEL

A wonderful Gladiolus with its large, dark green drooping foliage and the tall straight spikes and from 4 to 7 large open blooms of bright pink with beautiful iris penciled throat, will attract the attention of the least concerned. And under the most unfavorable weather conditions it has never failed to produce the finest kind of cut flowers. Florists prefer it to roses for floral work.



## CARE AND CULTURE OF THE GLADIOLUS

**T**HE Gladiolus possesses great vigor and tenacity of life, growing and blooming even under adverse and unfavorable circumstances. The hardiness of the bulb is remarkable.

This does not make it any less true that it is wise to give it the best of care, and it will well repay such care.

### Preparing the Soil.

The soil should be made fine and mellow to a considerable depth, plowing or spading 10 to 12 inches deep.

### Fertility of Soil.

If not already in a good state of fertility the soil should be made so by a liberal manure dressing. For best results this should be applied in the fall previous to the planting in the spring. In applying manure in the spring it should be done as early as possible before planting time. Some good commercial fertilizer such as bone meal or prepared sheep manure worked into the soil before planting is a great advantage to the plants.

While the Gladiolus will grow in almost any fertile soil, it succeeds best in a sandy or gravelly loam, with good drainage, and will also thrive in a clay loam if the subsoil be not too compact.

If the season be dry it is well to water thoroughly occasionally, up to the period of bloom, avoiding the trampling or stirring of the ground while wet.

### Planting.

If the flowers are desired mainly for cutting for bouquets or decorative work they may be planted in rows eighteen or twenty inches apart, or wider if desired and placing the bulbs four to six inches apart in the row. A convenient way to do this is to make a furrow with a small hand plow and place the bulbs in the bottom not less than four inches deep, covering with the mellow soil. This affords the most convenience in after care and cultivation.

Planting should be done as early as the ground can be brought into good condition in the spring. A safe rule is to plant when ordinary farm crops, such as corn and oats are being planted.

### Cultivation.

Treatment after planting is simple, but neglect is no part of it. Weeds are to be absolutely kept down and the soil finely cultivated and stirred once a week, keeping the surface level until bloom appears after which it is well to throw a little soil to the rows, hilling up a little as this enables the plant to stand up during storms.

### Cutting the Blooms.

The spikes should be cut near the base, leaving from three to five leaves on the plant, as soon as the lower or first flower expands. Cut thus in the bud they may be shipped great distances and in a vase of water will continue to bloom for ten days. With most varieties the delicacy of color is enhanced by blooming thus. The purest white, for instance, is only attained by this method and other colors are finer.

### **Digging and Storing.**

Bulbs should be dug before the plants are too ripe in the fall before the hard frosts. Dig the bulbs and cut off the tops closely against the bulbs. Dry well in the air and sunshine, cure thoroughly indoors for a few weeks, then store in a cool dry place. It is best not to place bulbs more than four inches deep while in storage. Florists' flats are very suitable for this purpose. Extremes of dampness and dryness are alike to be avoided. If they sprout they are too warm, if they shrivel they are too dry, while freezing destroys them at once.

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## **NOTICE**

### **Please Read Before Ordering.**

Where offered by the dozen, six may be ordered at half the dozen price. Less than six at single rate.

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On all orders received before April 1st, I will give an additional quantity of bulbs free of charge as follows:

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20 % extra on orders of \$25.00 or more.

I reserve the right to make the selections in extras, either in varieties ordered or other varieties just as good. If you have a preference please mention it with order and we will do our best to serve you.

### **SPECIAL PREMIUMS**

With every order of bulbs amounting from \$5.00 to \$10.00, one bulb of Charles Fairbanks given free.

With every order of bulbs amounting from \$10.05 to \$15.00, one bulb of Sovereign given free.

With every order of bulbs amounting from \$15.10 to \$25.00, one Lacarno free.

With every order amounting from \$25.25 to \$35.00, one bulb of I. O. Wood given free.

With every order amounting from \$35.25 to \$50.00, one Dr. Summer A. Edmands given free.

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If any varieties are out of stock when your order is received, I will substitute a similar or more expensive variety. If this is not satisfactory, please advise when ordering.

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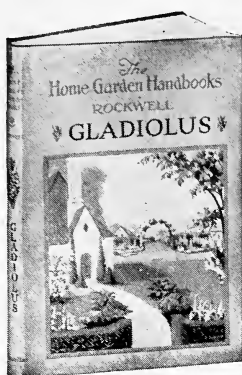
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